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## THE FACTS IN THE POOL CASE

Ever since C. F. Reavis put a label on Martins political ambitions and placed them on the shelf with the rest of the fossils, the Falls City Journal has never lost an opportunity to direct the batteries of its slander upon him. Last week in an article on the Pool case they resorted to the usual practice of falsehood and abuse. We would not notice this screed if it were not for the fact that a county official (the county attorney) tries to begot the public mind on the real issue. We therefore print the facts.

This woman, Ida Pool beat a little child until his life was despaired of. A complaint was made and the woman bound over to the district court. The county attorney at the last term of the district court dismissed the case. The Journal says he did it because the complaint was bad, of course everybody knows that the county attorney is the ostensible editor of the Journal, and most people know that the little shrimp would not know the difference between a good and a bad complaint. The truth of the matter is that the complaint had nothing to do with the dismissal of this case as the following signed statement will disclose.

Dawson, Oct. 7th 1904.

"At the request of the citizens of Dawson I tried to reach the county attorney by telephone and get him to argue not to dismiss the criminal case against Ida Pool for beating the child Willie Warren. I was unsuccessful in this but did talk over the telephone at 7:30 o'clock in the evening with his father F. Martin who told me the case had not been dismissed. I told him to tell the county attorney not to dismiss the case and we would be there by nine o'clock the next morning. He, Judge Martin said 'all right, I will see him. At eleven o'clock the same night the attorney phoned me he had dismissed the case. I asked him why he did so. He said, 'WE HAD NO EVIDENCE AND WE COULD NOT HOLD HER.'"

F. P. Page.

The Journal article written either by the county attorney or his paranoiac father says that the "parties became dissatisfied and employed C. F. Reavis and raised the money to pay him. How Mr. Reavis came to be employed in the case is a matter on which everyone is at liberty to draw their own conclusion." This is an insinuation that Reavis created the dissatisfaction and solicited the employment. The parties did not become dissatisfied until the county attorney dismissed the case over this protest. The source of the Reavis employment is disclosed by the following:

Dawson, Oct. 7th 1904.

I, at the request of the citizens of Dawson employed C. F. Reavis to prosecute the case against Ida Pool for beating William Warren.

I went to the office of Mr. Reavis in Falls City for this purpose. Any insinuation or statement that Mr. Reavis solicited such employment is utterly false.

W. B. Alexander.

Dawson, Oct. 7th 1904.

I sent a petition signed by nearly every citizen of Dawson of all

### Barn Burns.

The fine barn of James Stewart who lives on the Salem road was destroyed by fire Saturday night about nine o'clock. Forty tons of tame hay and other property was burned. No cause is known for the fire but incendiarism is suggested. We regret this loss as Mr. Stewart is an industrious man who can ill afford the loss.

### Political Meetings.

C. F. Reavis and county candi-

dates will be at Dawson, October 20—Barada, November 2nd—Arago, November 3rd. Norris Brown candidate for attorney general and F. W. Collins of Washington D. C at Falls City November 5th. This will be the closing meeting of the campaign and no doubt will be a rousing one. F. W. Collins is one of the best orators in the department of justice and everybody knows that Norris Brown is without a peer in Nebraska.

political parties praying Judge Kelligar to appoint C. F. Reavis to prosecute the case against Ida Pool instead of F. E. Martin the county attorney who had dismissed the case. This petition was signed by seventy of the most prominent citizens of our town. The reason that we employed Mr. Reavis was that the crime was a bad one and we wanted the case tried.

E. W. Buser.

The Journal article goes on to say that notwithstanding the people of Dawson employed him, "Reavis is drawing \$25.00 from the county treasury for this work in addition to WHAT HE GOT FROM THE DAWSON PEOPLE."

This is about as near the truth as the Martins can come when they speak of C. F. Reavis. They have the Reavis-phobia. The Dawson people did contract to pay Reavis, but Judge Kelligar evidently thought it an outrage that individuals should be compelled to pay the salary of a worthless county attorney and then employ and pay a lawyer to do his work, so he made an allowance of \$25.00 to Reavis to prosecute the case. So far as Reavis drawing pay from both sides is concerned it is a question of veracity between the mud mill across the street and the gentlemen who sign the following:

Dawson, Oct. 7th 1904

Immediately after the jury had returned the verdict finding Ida Pool guilty of beating Willie Warren, C. F. Reavis called us up and informed us of this fact and notwithstanding the citizens of Dawson had contracted to pay his fee for prosecuting her, he stated that Judge Kelligar had allowed him \$25 for his services AND WHILE HE WAS TO GET MORE FROM THE CITIZENS of Dawson he would not accept any money besides this \$25 allowed by the court. This was voluntary on his part as no one asked him to throw off the fee from the people of this town. The statement that he received both the fees from the county and the citizens of this town is utterly false.

Dr. J. A. Waggener  
W. B. Alexander  
E. W. Buser  
T. P. Page.

The Journal article further says that the defendant Ida Pool agreed to plead guilty to assault and battery.

The statement in the Journal that Ida Pool offered to plead guilty to assault and battery is false. I will agree to give \$500 to the Journal or any other charitable institution if they will procure a signed statement from either E. Falloon or C. Gillespie (the woman's attorneys) that any such an offer was suggested or intimated to me by any one. I did hear after the trial that the woman made this offer to the county attorney, and I marvelled when I heard it at his choosing rather to dismiss the case.

C. F. Reavis.

These are the facts in the Pool case. The only criminal case that has been tried in two years. But two reasons can be offered by the county attorney for his conduct in dismissing a case for the want of evidence when another lawyer convicted her upon that evidence. One of these reasons is founded in incompetency, the other in dishonesty. Between them the attorney must choose and between them the public has reached its judgment.

### K. L. of S. Installation.

The regular meeting of the K. L. of S. was held last Thursday night, October 6th, in camp quarters in the Wahl building. A good number of the members were present and assisted in installing the following officers; C. Hendricks, P., Mrs. Culp, V. P., Mrs. McMahan, S. V. P., Mrs. Hendricks, Pr., May McCreery, C., Hattie Mettz, F. S., Mrs. C., Macomber, C. S., Mrs. Kirkpatrick, T., Benj. Slagel, S., Mrs.

Cornell, G., Elva Sears, O., Della Noah, A. O. After the usual ceremonies and obligations the members adjourned to the dining room where a feast had been prepared. It is needless to remark that it received ample attention and at a late hour those present returned to their homes, having enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Mrs. G. J. Crook and W. B. Smucker who left a week ago for Oklahoma were delayed in route for a week by high water.